

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-495

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic L. Coffin Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10837 Sinepuxent Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Berlin

☒ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Michael and Nadia Lupiwok

street & number 94 Raypaula Drive

telephone no.:

city, town Shrewsbury

state and zip code PA 17361

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber RHO 2077

street & number Worcester County Courthouse - West Market St. folio 186

city, town Snow Hill

state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1851-1875

Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 39.05 ac.

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Legal tax parcel boundary (25-24-135)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Atlanta state GA 30340-4214

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

- 1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

- 10) Agricultural-Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

- 1) Agriculture
- 2) Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	I-house/Single-family Dwelling; Crop, Machinery, and Animal Storage
Known Design Source:	None

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 6

The L. Coffin Farm consists of a detached, single-family dwelling and seven outbuildings. The property is located on the north side of Sinepuxent Road, in the community of Trappe, approximately 1.5 miles east of US 113. The two-story, two-bay dwelling, likely constructed in the third quarter of the nineteenth century, features a symmetrical south-facing entrance facade. The frame structure is covered with clapboard siding and exhibits a side-gabled roof clad with composition asphalt shingles.

The facade is characterized by a one-story, full-width, hip-roofed porch that has been screened. Turned support posts are visible behind the screening. A large, two-story, gabled wing extends from the rear (north) side of the house with a one-story shed addition on its east side, filling the angle created by the main block and the wing. On the west side of the wing is a small, one-story, hip-roofed bay. The windows feature two-over-two, double-hung wood sash in simple board surrounds. Entrance to the house is made via a single-leaf door in the west bay of the porch and another single-leaf door in the rear shed addition. A brick interior end chimney protrudes from the east end of the main block roof ridge, while a modern concrete block chimney is situated on the west exterior of the rear wing. The house also features corner boards and a plain fascia board beneath the simply molded cornice.

East/northeast of the dwelling is a large, three-level, frame barn in dilapidated condition. It exhibits weatherboard siding, various hinged and sliding board doors, and the remnants of a shingle roof. Directly south of the barn are two small outbuildings, a modern frame doghouse/pen and a frame corn crib with horizontal slat walls and the remnants of a shingle roof. Due east of these outbuildings are two sheds, each with vertical board walls and corrugated metal roofs. On the west side of the dwelling is a frame chicken house, with vertical board walls and the remnants of a shingle roof. Except for the modern doghouse/pen, the outbuildings appear to date to the early twentieth century, although the barn may be earlier. A gravel drive provides access to and from Sinepuxent Road, and the property features a small yard with a prominent magnolia in the front, a number of large trees to the rear of the house, a garden to the east of the drive, and open cropland to the north, east, and west.

Alterations to the dwelling include the screening of the front porch, the rear additions, and the exterior concrete block chimney. The outbuildings appear to have retained their historic design and materials, although the barn is in poor condition and the roofs of the corn crib and chicken house are failing.

The L. Coffin Farm is a good example of a vernacular farmstead that dates from the middle to later nineteenth century. Although the outbuildings are not contemporaneous with the dwelling, as a unit the structures and the surrounding cropland illustrate an intact farmstead. The farm is associated with a period in Worcester County agriculture when crops such as corn, oats, potatoes, hay, and flax were being produced both for subsistence and for sale outside the county. The community of Trappe, which grew up around the mills on Trappe Creek, was at this time almost fully eclipsed by nearby Berlin, which had been growing steadily since the early decades of the nineteenth century (Touart 1994:71, 79).

The farmhouse was likely constructed in the third quarter of the nineteenth century, based on physical inspection. Research of deed records has proven inconclusive, and the name "L. Coffin," as indicated on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, does not appear in the records. However, the location on the atlas is consistent with the location of the farmstead. Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the farmstead in the Agricultural-Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870). The current legal tax parcel containing the farmstead encompasses 39.05 acres.

The L. Coffin Farm is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised due to alterations. It has no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

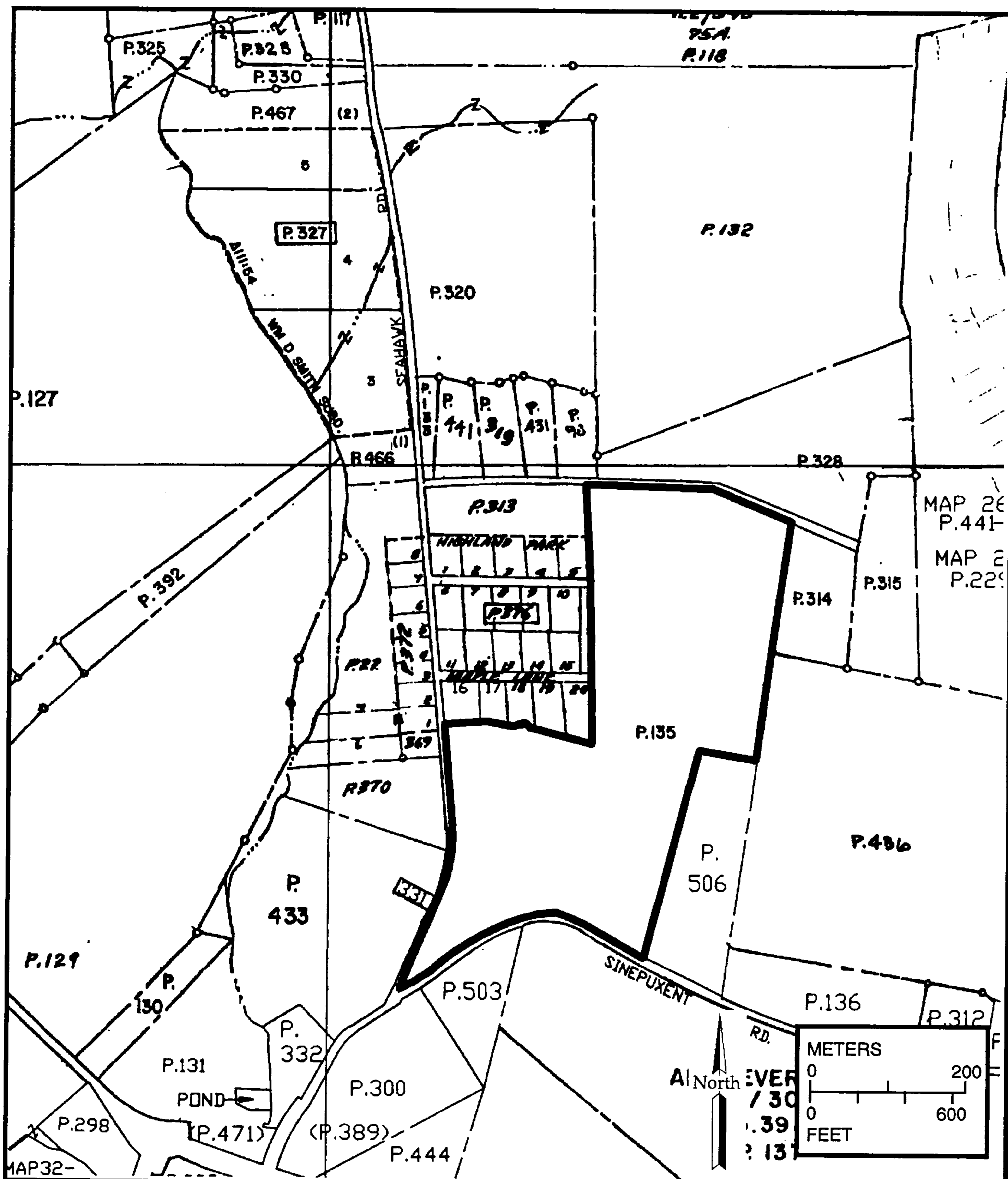
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 6/13/2000
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 6/13/00

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson

1877 *Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland.* Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland.* Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, Maryland.

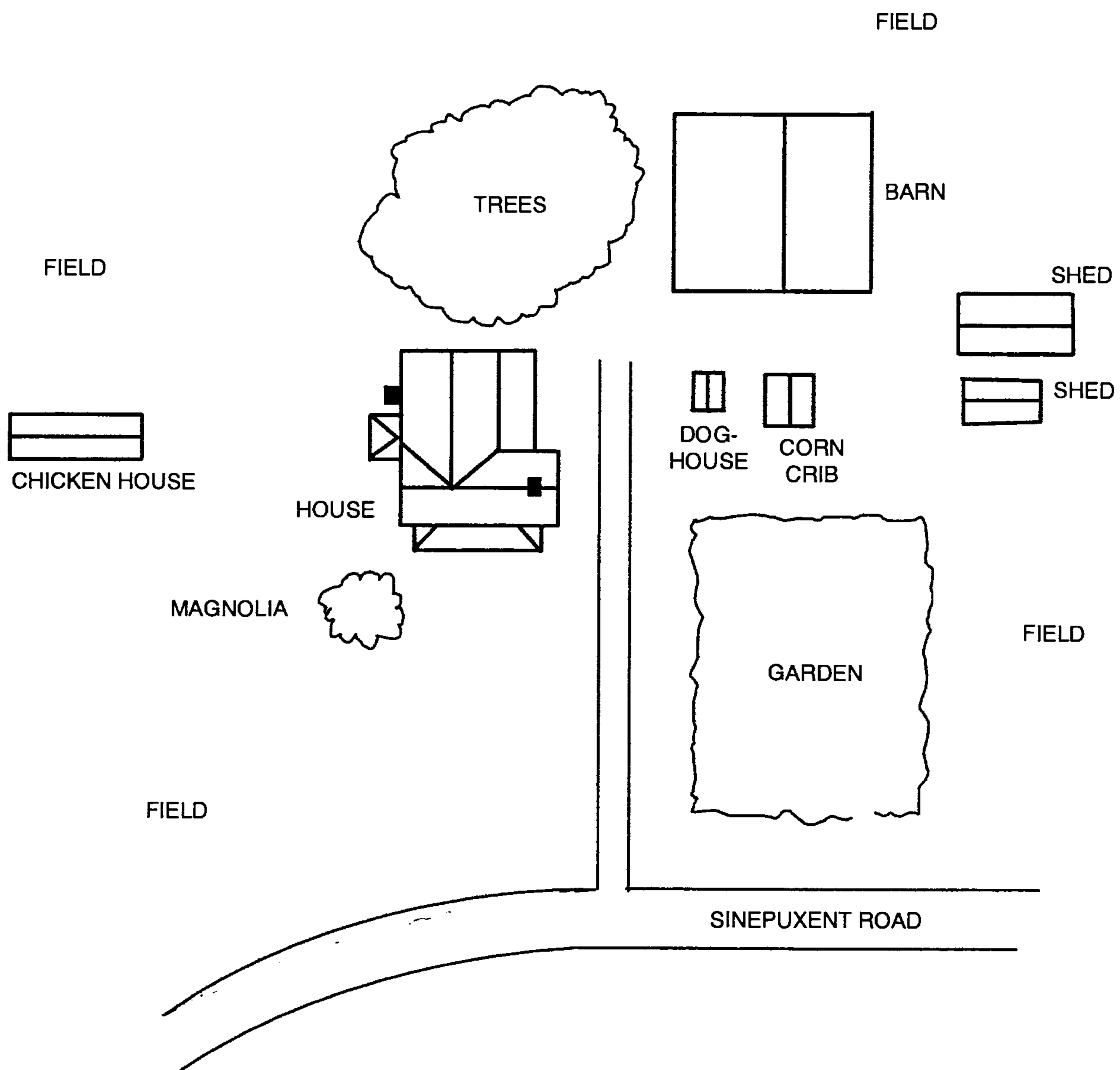


TAX MAP

Section of Map No. 25, Parcel No. 135, Worcester County, Md.

Containing the L. Coffin Farm/WO-495

Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.

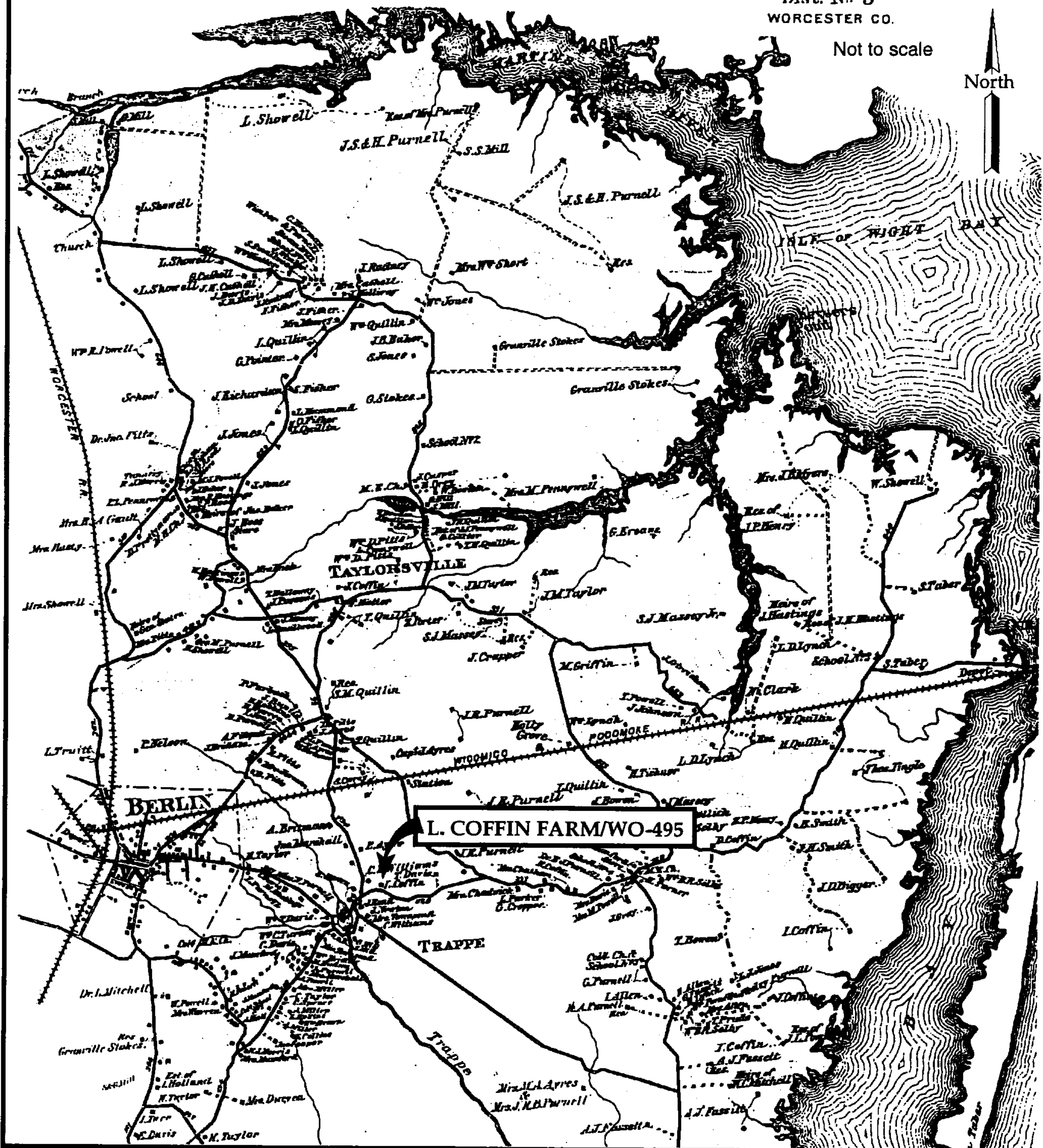


RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
L. Coffin Farm/WO-495
Berlin Vicinity
Worcester County, MD

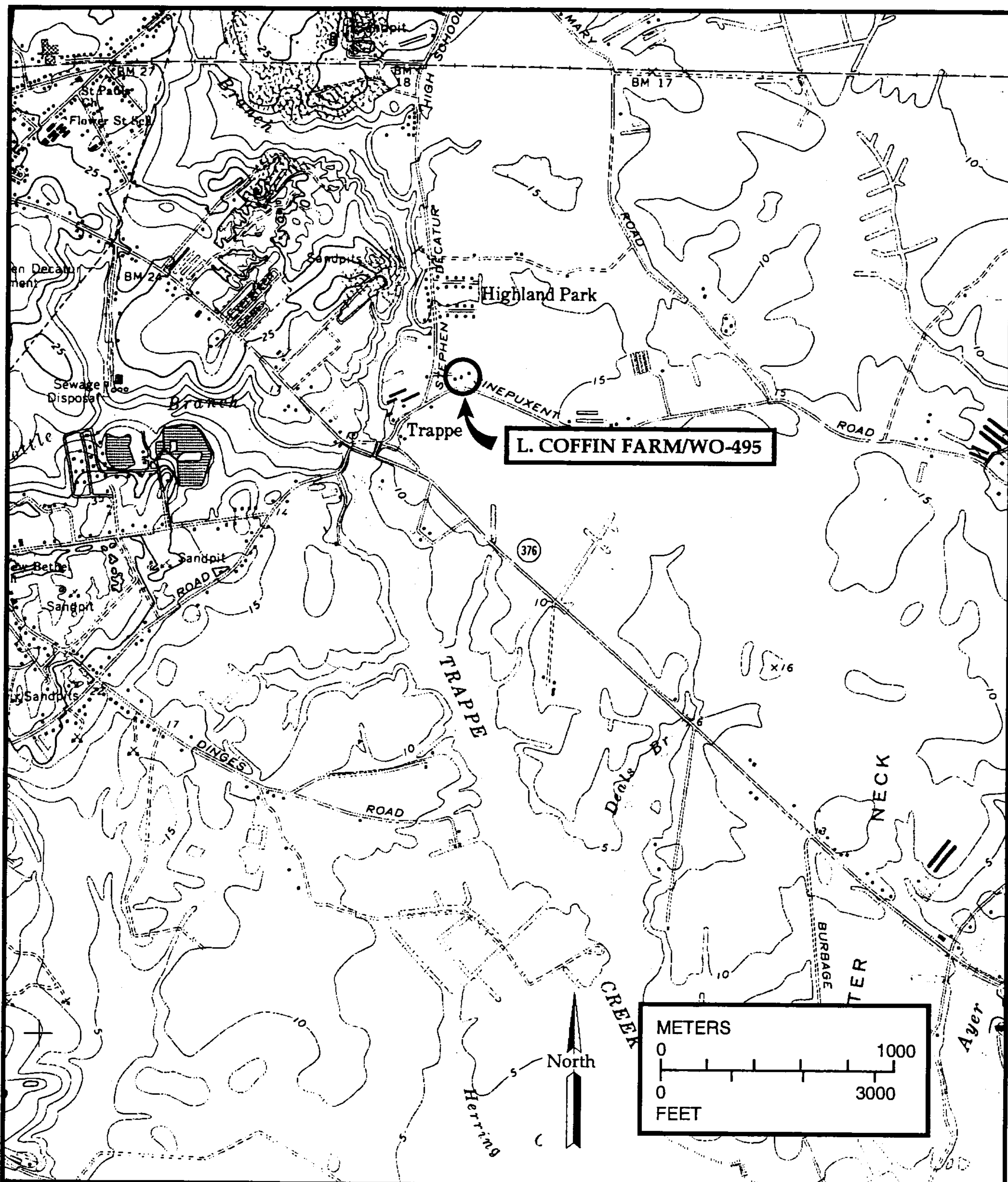
EAST BERLIN

Dist. No 3
WORCESTER CO.

Not to scale



Section of a Map of East Berlin District, from the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas,
Showing the L. Coffin Farm/WO-495, Vicinity of Berlin, Worcester County, MD



LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967, 1981)

Showing the L. Coffin Farm/WO-495

Berlin Vicinity, Worcester County, MD.



L. Coffin Farm

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Date: April 22, 1998



WJO-495

L. Coffin Farm

Worcester County, N.D

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland ST120

Subject: Views of Property, Looking Southeast

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L. Coffin Farm

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chisolm

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: View of Property, Looking East/Southeast
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L. Coffey Farm

Warren County, ND

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Striped Dwelling, South Facade

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L. Coffin Farm

Worcester County, N D

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Photographer: Mark Chavez

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: Dwelling, South and East Elevations

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L. Coffin Farm

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHFO

Subject: Dwelling, West Elevation

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L. Coffin Farm

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: Chicken House, South Elevation

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